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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$123.
 - \$81 for 9 total claims over 20.
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- A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the
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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 558.

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| Applicant claims small entity status. | 147 2 520 147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination |
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| 106 330 206 165 Design filing fee | 119 320 219 160 Notice of Appeal |
| 107 510 207 255 Plant filing fee | 120 320 220 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal |
| 108 740 208 370 Reissue filing fee | 104 200 221 140 Request for oral hearing |
| 114 160 214 80 Provisional filing fee | 138 1 510 138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding |
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| 103 18 203 9 Claims in excess of 20 | 146 740 246 370 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) |
| 104 280 204 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | 149 740 249 370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) |
| 109 84 209 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | 179 740 279 370 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) |
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